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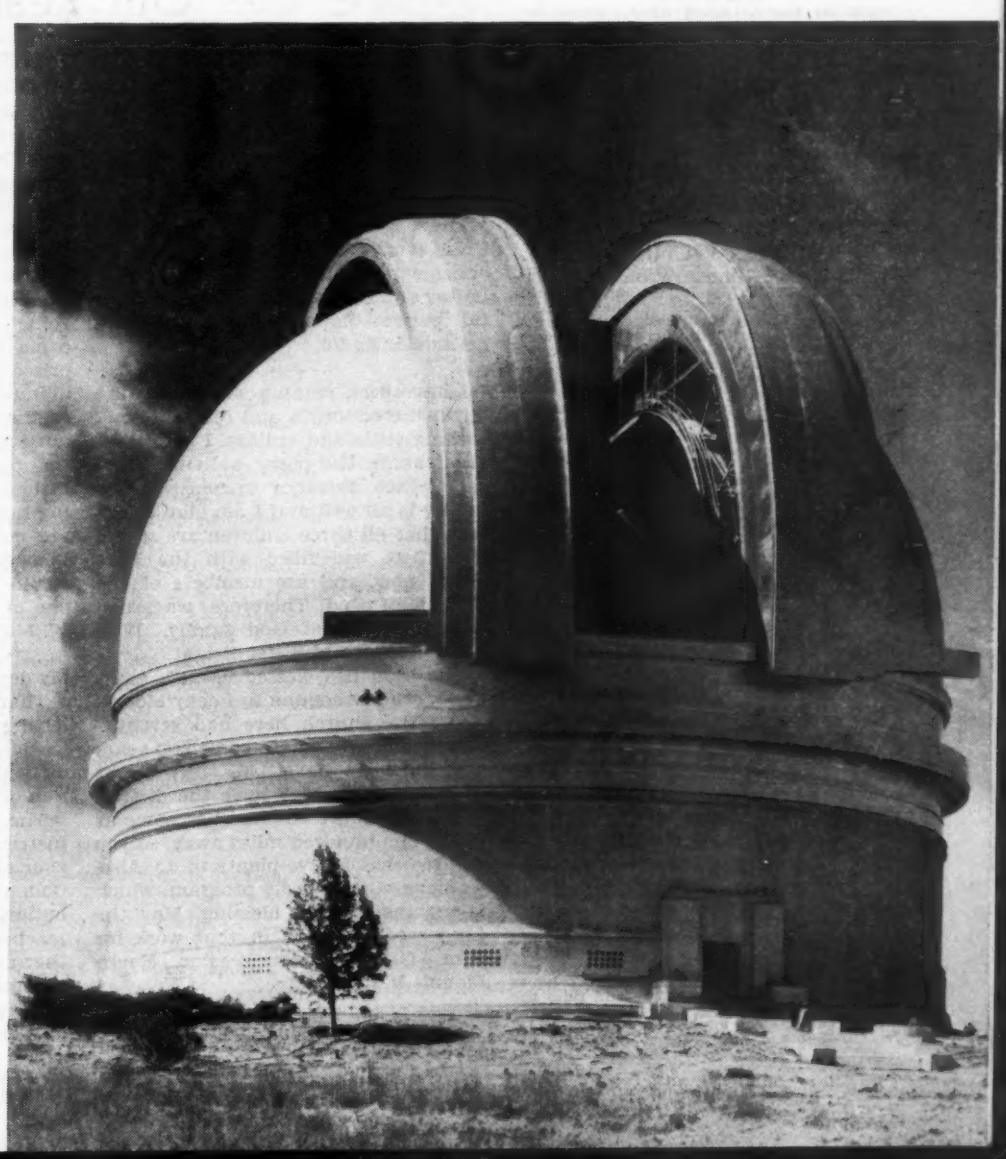

ALM OF LIFE

Wadsworth Longfellow

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COVER PICTURE

THE PALOMAR OBSERVATORY AND 200-INCH TELESCOPE, the largest in the world. Although the 200-inch telescope has required the planning and work of many men, it was the vision, foresight, and efforts of one man—the late Dr. George Ellery Hale—that took it from the speculative to the reality stage. Dr. Hale, who founded two other great observatories—the Yerkes at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and the Mt. Wilson at Pasadena—was responsible for obtaining, from the Rockefeller International Education Board, the original $6,000,000 grant for the new observatory. This money was given to the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California, in 1928. Dr. Hale died in 1938, but not before he had seen the new observatory well on the way to completion.

Two additional grants have been made to assure completion of the project, bringing the total amount of Rockefeller funds appropriated for this undertaking to $6,550,000.

THE MIRROR weighs 14¾ tons. Polishing and grinding began in April, 1936, and was completed in October, 1947. For nearly four years during the war no work was done on either the mirror or the telescope. The mirror remained on the polishing and grinding machine in the Caltech optical shop during this period. This mirror, of Pyrex glass, is approximately 24 inches thick at the edges and 20¼ inches at the center. Its surface is ground and polished to an accuracy of two-millionths of an inch of a perfect paraboloid (concave) surface. It has a hole in the center 40 inches in diameter. This is exactly the size of the world's largest refractor lens in the Yerkes Observatory telescope at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. This hole was necessary to provide for the Cassegrain focus. The hole does not affect the utility of the mirror.

THE 200-INCH TELESCOPE is a reflecting type. It has only mirrors, no lenses. In reality it is a huge camera with which astronomers will take pictures of stars and other bodies of the universe. Total weight of the telescope is in excess of 500 tons. This telescope is the only one in the world in which an observer actually rides while working. Inside the upper end of the tube is a prime focus observer's house in which the astronomer works and rides the telescope.

THE DOME—The observatory dome is 137 feet in diameter and 135 feet high, and has three floors. The dome moves on circular track and has split shutters riding on horizontal rails. Its total weight is 1,000 tons. The entire building is insulated to keep temperature rise to a minimum so that there will be little difference between inside and outside temperature when the dome is opened for observation.

THE RESEARCH PROGRAM—The initial program for the 200-inch telescope will be one designed to carry on where the 100-inch at Mt. Wilson leaves off, in confirming if possible, many of the current theories about the universe. The Observatory and Museum are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day. There is no admission charge.

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Rev. Fred Jernigan, state youth [illegible] rector of Alabama.

Our Readers Write

I thank the Lord for this wonderful **Evangel**. It was a great help to me in finding the way of holiness. Since I found the way I have been filled with the Holy Ghost. He is of great help to me as I go through this world of sin. I know if all subscribers read their **Evangel** as I do, they won't think of doing without it. Thank God for the Editor and co-workers of this wonderful paper.—Howard Longhom, Amherstdale, W. Va.

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I have been reading with much interest the editorials and remarks concerning visits and visitors. I think you are making the paper a living presence which we enjoy immensely. Our family is all well and I am glad to report that all three children are saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost now, and are members of the Church of God. Therefore, we are a happy Church of God family. Wife sends her love to Sister Bright.

The Lord has blessed us in a great way since our coming to Rocky Mount, N. C. The church here had seventy-odd members when we came two years ago; now we have 148, with bright prospects of more. I have the district work, with fourteen churches, some as far as one hundred miles away, so you can see that I have plenty to do. Also, we have a daily radio program, which is proving a great blessing. May the Lord ever bless you in your work for Him.—G. F. Carter, Pastor, Rocky Mount, N. C.

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Just another report about the **Evangel** delivery. My paper for Decembe[illegible] came today, Monday, December 1[illegible] it had been the Christmas publicat[illegible] it would have been too late to do [illegible] great deal of good for that seaso[illegible] am sending in subscriptions regul[illegible] each week. Here is one statement m[illegible] to me over the week end: "If I don't [illegible] better service on getting my p[illegible] this time, than I did before, I am [illegible] going to subscribe anymore." T[illegible] came from a lady whom I was s[illegible] prised to hear express herself in [illegible] manner. She has been a loyal mem[illegible] of the church for years. She did [illegible] however, that she thought it wa[illegible] the post office in this territory, [illegible] rather in the mail service after l[illegible] ing headquarters; yet, this is wha[illegible] are confronted with on the fiel[illegible] know you have a problem, but felt [illegible] would like to know the facts a[illegible] one of our problems on the field.—[illegible] W. McIntyre, Pastor, Charleston, [illegible]

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My dear Brother McIntyre:

Thanks a lot for your kindne[illegible] letting me have this information, [illegible] though I sincerely regret that t[illegible] difficulties are existing in the circ[illegible] tion of the **Evangel** in that territo[illegible]

The mailing department has [illegible] instructed to send all **Evangels** [illegible] your district to Charleston, inste[illegible] Columbia, South Carolina, for di[illegible] bution, and I do hope the **Eva**[illegible] reaches the subscribers without [illegible] ther delay.

Brother Phillips and I are read[illegible] bend every effort possible to co[illegible] any irregularity existing here.

EDITORIALS . . .

. . . BETTER . . .

brews 1:4; 6:9; 7:7, 19, 22; 8:6; 9:23; 10:34; 11:16, 35, 40; 12:24.

The keyword in the book of Hebrews is "better," being entioned twelve times. This comparative term, I feel, uld be adopted by each minister and member in respect the following relations.

I. Better Individually

ocrates exhorted, "Know thyself." Paul challenged, "In things proving ourselves to be the ministers of God." n again, you remember Paul placed ministers and mem- on their honor in these words, "Let a man examine self, and let him so eat of this bread and drink of this ."

II. Better Homes

ay God help us as parents to say with Joshua, "As for me my house, we will serve the Lord." Just as surely as nation depends on the home, so does the church de- d on the home for its present and future success. In , the home is the oldest institution and the church is nd.

od, give us more homes like that of Cornelius'—homes t will meet God's requirements so as to realize mighty pourings of the Holy Ghost.

III. Better Pastors

astors, your membership has a right to expect better vice from you all along, and I am sure you are deter- ed to "be a servant to all" and to let them see nothing in r life save Christ and Him crucified. Yes, "for me to live hrist," is a pastor's greatest testimony.

IV. Better Churches

urely there never was a time when we needed not just d churches but better churches. We appreciate well- it, stately, elaborately equipped and furnished church ildings; but first we know that it takes more than gold, er, brass, iron, steel, wood, and stone to constitute a rch. The membership filled with love, grace, and the rit of God spells far more than those material things.

ere are characteristics that are indicative of better rches.

NITY—How good and blessed it is for brethren to dwell ther in unity.

OOPERATION—We are laborers together with God. ey were all in one place." Position means much in a ristian soldier's warfare, as well as in carnal war. "In accord." Oneness of mind, soul, and heart means suc- s to a local church.

V. Better Members

es, better members! Nothing in the world could assure astor of more success and greater joy and happiness n to have members to hold up his hands, as Aaron Hur held up Moses' hands.

VI. Better L.W.W.B's

he Dorcases and Lydias are not to be forgotten. In fact, live wire, progressive minded pastor would dare try to along without a Ladies' Willing Workers' Band.

nce we do take great pride in the L.W.W.B.'s, I am sure of our lady members will realize that by reason of rch membership they are automatically members of L.W.W.B. and will cooperate in every conceivable man- in the various programs of their local churches.

VII. Better Y.P.E.'s and Sunday Schools

In the Sunday School the younger children are taught, while in the Y.P.E. they begin practicing what they have learned. In both departments of the church the older members have the responsibility of guiding, instructing, and moulding the characters of boys and girls for the duties of the church and nation of tomorrow, so let us all strive to have better Y.P.E.'s and Sunday Schools.

VIII. Better Prayer Life

Never before in the history of the world was there a greater demand for real fellowship between Christians and their Christ, and Christians with Christians. Nothing can possibly bring about and establish those precious relations better than prayer, so let us pray without ceasing, and especially let us pray for one another.

IX. Better Tithers

Remember that you haven't given God anything until you have paid your tithes. Another thing you should remember, as a motivator to pay your tithes, is that you place God under obligation to open the windows of heaven and pour out upon you blessings beyond your ability to receive.

A motto goes like this, "Some pay their tithes when due, some when past due, some never do, how do you?"

William Colgate started giving God ten per cent at the beginning of his business. His business grew until now, it is said, seventy per cent of all net receipts on Colgate toothpaste, etc., is given to God.

If you would live well spiritually, physically, and financially, give God that which belongs to Him, and your church, pastor, state overseer, and general officials will also receive the support that is justly theirs. You can't outgive God!

X. Better Aged Ministers' Offering

Let us not limit ourselves in supporting this worthy cause, and especially let me encourage that we, as ministers, not fail to send in our one per cent with our reports. Let us build the fund up. Our day of retirement is coming, and we shall reap some of the benefits.

XI. Better Orphanage Offering

We are thankful to God for our homes, the radiant smiles from our children, and the thrilling ring of their laughter. It is also a happy privilege to support them. There is a home that we jointly own; that is, our Orphanage. At the same time, the boys and girls belong to us, and, of course, it is our privilege, as well as duty, to provide for them as for our own immediate families. They are the children that God has graciously given to us.

XII. Better Mission Spirit and Offerings

May God give us a vision like that Isaiah saw, and fill us with a hearty response to His call, whether it be to go in person or to send someone with our money. Yes, God grant that this will be a far better year for both home and foreign missions than ever before.

XIII. Better Evangelistic Campaigns

Surely our hearts are yearning for the lost, and the Lord help us to seek out the lost and bring them to Jesus. Above everything, let us pray that the Holy Ghost will set our very lives on fire with yearning for the lost until this will be the greatest year of soul winning in the churches, as well as in new fields, that the Church has ever witnessed.

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O Lord, Revive Thy Work

By U. L. Hudlow, Pasadena, Calif.

Habakkuk 3:2

If there ever was a time the work of the Lord needed reviving, it is today, in these dark days. We should see and realize our weakness, and see the great and Almighty God, who has all power. Nothing is too hard for Him.

The physical and spiritual existence of the world is depending on power. In all progress we behold energy being exerted. It takes energy for you and me to perform the duties of life. We see power manifested in the electric light, when it is connected with the powerhouse somewhere. Automobiles, airplanes, locomotives, steamships, and all machines are turning the wheels of industry wherever we go. Everywhere we see manifestations of power and energy. If energy were withdrawn, a dormant condition would exist—factories and mills would all be down. Men cannot work if power is withdrawn. The industrial world must have power if it produces. Power brings forth the necessities of life in the agricultural world. Withdraw horsepower and machine power from our farms and we would have a famine.

What This World Would Be Like without Power; Importance of Power in the Religious World for Our Spiritual Existence, and Power for Service

We see a great increase in power in this world. Everything has increased the volume of its power. Sad, but true, **the Church has failed to increase in power with God, proportionately.**

I want to illustrate here. When a small boy, I worked with my father. He ran a cotton gin. This gin was one and one-fourth miles from home, in a little country village in Arkansas. We were always there before daylight. It was quite chilly on October mornings. The engine, as it stood there, offered no comfort from the cold morning atmosphere. In the mornings when we arrived, the gin was absolutely useless for the purpose for which it was made. Why? **Because it had no fire in the firebox. And so, the Church without the fire and power of God is just as useless in this world of sin and vice.**

Many churches are just like that old steam engine. They have programs, members, ministers, and workers, but they are not producing as they should, **because they lack the fire of God burning in their midst.**

When the fire of God begins to burn in your church, God's love is burning in the souls in your church. Many in this world who are chilled with sin, sorrow, and discouragement, will come to receive the benefits derived therefrom.

When we had enough steam to start the gin, there was activity everywhere around that gin. It required fire before we obtained results. The power of God is required and is absolutely essential to obtain results in the Church of the living God. The mighty miracle of God's power manifested in our midst will do more than all men's efforts combined. There is only one way to have this power. That is by prayer and fasting, which puts **fire** in the pulpit. When the **pulpits** catch fire, we shall see the pews catch fire.

When the fire burns in the pulpit and pews, you will see conviction on the lost. Sinners will make their way to the altar of prayer and be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. An up-to-date church will have people saved all along in its regular services. That is a **New Testament church.**

It is for us, brethren, if we will pay the price. **What are we going to do about it?** Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. How did the revivals come in early churches? They came by prayer and waiting on God, when God got hold of men and men got hold of God.

We must have a burden for lost souls until we lose sleep and meals, waiting on God for souls.

In the sixteenth century, God aroused a serious-minded lad. He was so grieved over the sins of that time until he could not rest at ease in Zion. He wandered over all England, calling men back to simple faith in God. He was George Fox. He said, "The Lord said unto me, If but one man or woman were raised up by my power to stand in the same spirit that the apostles and prophets were in, that man or woman would shake all the country for miles around." The world has yet to see what God will do with

Reverend Hudlow

and for a man who is fully consecrated to Him.

In the eighteenth century, D. L. Moody resolved to be that man for whom the Lord was looking. God looked in Wales some years ago, and found a lad so burdened for a revival that he just lived in prayer for God to rend the heavens and come down. God did come down in one of the mightiest revivals in history. Evan Roberts meant business, and God met him.

All these men were men mighty in prayer. God is on the lookout today for somebody who is earnestly concerned about his own heart and the need of the church today. Will you be that man or woman God is looking for in the twentieth century?

A very young girl, Amee McPherson, seventeen, gave herself to God. Thousands and thousands were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. She left a great church that is winning many souls for Christ in these last days.

How can I stir myself up to take hold of God? Get alone with your Bible and take stock of your life. Check up; make an inventory; have an honest overhauling in the sight of God. Maybe you will need to take Mr. Finney's suggestion. Get a sheet of paper and write down your sins as God reveals them to you. If it takes a lot of paper, make a clean sweep of everything. How you have neglected reading your Bible and prayer! You never fast and pray. Confess it all unto the Lord and start fasting and praying,

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Reports FROM THE FIELD

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Church at Marked Tree Making Progress

I am thanking the Lord for His many blessings bestowed upon us. I am thanking the Lord for His all-sufficient power, love, and protection. He will supply our every need, and if we will only trust Him He will be all the Physician we need. Wait upon Him; He never fails!

"God hath not promised skies ever blue,
Flower-strewn pathways always for you.
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain;
But He hath promised strength from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love."

I thank Him for the good revival we had at our home in August. Sister Grayce Ball was the evangelist. She brought some wonderful messages, and is a splendid Bible teacher. Only God alone can know all the good that was done. We also enjoyed the good songs and music of several visiting ministers. We are very thankful for our lovely new church at Marked Tree, which Reverend Ball and his good wife made possible through their untiring efforts and hard work. God is surely with them and their work. Brother Ball is also our district pastor, and is doing a wonderful work in building up and helping in other churches over the district. We are also praising the Lord for giving us as pastor on Sunday afternoons Rev. Hooper Holloway. God blessed his ministry here, and several souls were saved. He is an untiring worker for the Lord. We desire the prayers for our homework as we can not attend church very often since we live so far from it. But surely God sees our needs and sends the best of pastors to minister to our needs. Praise His holy name!—Mrs. Maggie Perry Coats, Tyronza, Ark.

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Clayton, New Mexico, District Convention

The Clayton, N. Mex., district convention convened at the Sedan church, December 4 and 5, with Rev. James D. Hodges, district pastor, and Rev. Bascom Stanley, state overseer, in charge. In spite of a severe dust storm the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Saturday night Rev. James Johnson, of the Roswell Air Base, spoke on "The Treasures of a Man's Heart." Each one felt the presence of the Lord. Sunday morning Rev. Charley Tilly, state youth director, spoke on the youth work, after which Reverend Stanley preached a message that will be long remembered by the people. After this a nice mission offering was received. At the noon hour a nice lunch was enjoyed, prepared by the ladies of the Sedan church.

Sunday afternoon, Rev. Otis Rushing, pastor of the Clayton church, spoke on the "Word of God," which was a blessing to everyone. On Sunday night Reverend Stanley brought another good message which was food to each one. The people responded with a nice offering for the orphan children. We were favored with singing throughout the convention by the Tilly Trio, Pentecostal Holiness Trio, and the Rushings. The convention came to a close Sunday night, and each one went home with a greater zeal to work for God.—Mrs. J. D. Hodges, Reporter.

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Lightning Bolts From Pentecostal Skies

This title really fits the great revival that has swept and is still sweeping the Church of God in Rocky Mount, N. C. Rev. A. V. Childers and his evangelistic party (Rev. J. C. Vaughan, pianist and soloist, and E. D. Price, accordionist) came here with their big tent (which seats approximately 1,000) on August 19. We discontinued services during the Assembly and resumed services on September 10. God's power was manifested in a marvelous way from the very beginning. Many precious souls prayed through to old time victory. The revival was at its peak when Brother Childers and party had to leave us to fill an appointment previously made at Henderson, N. C., but the revival spirit was still burning strongly; souls were still hungry for the gospel, and numbers prayed through in our regular services.

On October 18, Brother Childers returned to continue his revival in the the church. The power of God began to fall throughout the congregation from the first night.

Under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, Brother Childers brought us messages of untold value which could have been brought only by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost. The audiences sat spellbound as conviction began to seize their hearts. The altars were filled and people began praying through and shouting under the power of God. They came from as far as 135 miles to hear and see the mighty works of the Holy Ghost. Over 150 were saved, 125 sanctified, 75 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 52 added to the church. We, in Rocky Mount, really appreciate Brother Childers and his co-workers. They have certainly been a blessing to us. We truly enjoyed the inspiring solos and musical selections which Brothers Vaughan and Price rendered each night. We also appreciate our pastor, Rev. G. F. Carter, and his good wife who have labored with us for the past two years. Their labors have not been in vain, for the Lord has blessed us with a 100 per cent increase in almost every department of the Church. We have also purchased a nice six-room parsonage and completed the Sunday School rooms during their labors here.

Never has a greater revival swept the church here than this. Our Sunday School attendance rose to 355 one Sunday during the revival, breaking all records in the church's history. By faith, in the near future we can already see a two-story Sunday School department being added to the main auditorium of the church. Our full-sized daylight basement Sunday School department is already proving inadequate for the overflowing crowds that attend Sunday School. There is also a possibility for broadcasting studios for the church's daily broadcast.

There are still so many things to be done. Please pray for us that we may continue to be used of the Lord in His great vineyard.—Reporter, Roy M. Glosson.

A TESTIMONY OF PRAISE

LANSING, Mich. — The Lord has done so much for me. I praise Him for saving me about eighteen years ago. He also sanctified me and gave me the Holy Ghost. Praise His name! —Mrs. Hias.

Our Boys and Girls . . .

CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE

WILLIAM F. DYCH, Superintendent

Montgomery Avenue **Cleveland, Tennessee**

CHRISTMAS AT THE ORPHANAGE

By Joe R. Little

I have found out how to enjoy Christmas in what I think to be the very best way.

On Christmas morning, at eight o'clock, Brother Dych, Orphanage Superintendent, called me, saying they were ready to give out the presents at the new Girls' Home. In response, I hurried up to the Home. After a Christmas hymn by the girls, and a prayer, Brother Dych and I, with the aid of some of the larger girls, started giving out the presents. Then Christmas really began, with happy laughter and the children's faces glowing with happiness. This made us happy and very thankful to God for those who made it possible for the orphans to be so happy. If it had not been for our Orphanage, many of these children would not have had even anything much to eat this Christmas. Thank God for you who have cooperated with Brother Dych and all the Orphanage management in making this a merry Christmas for the orphans.

Sister Golden, head matron at the new home, and her assistants are doing a wonderful job.

From the new home we went to the Girls' Home on People's Street. Sisters Riddle and Jordan are matrons at this home. There the children, and all of us, really enjoyed ourselves. I wish each of you could see the happiness and joy that just a little doll, or some other toy, brings to the orphans. I am sure you would do your best to help support our Orphanage.

After this we went to the Boys' Home on South Lee Highway, where Brother and Sister Mosley are in charge. We certainly enjoyed ourselves with those little boys. They are a fine group of young fellows and seem to love and appreciate Brother Mosley and all the matrons.

I was sorry to miss being with the boys at the Home on Benton Pike. They were given their presents too early for me; they just couldn't wait.

We ate dinner at the Girl's Home on People's Street, and how we did enjoy it!

On Friday night before Christmas, some of the Cleveland merchants had given me a carload of toys for poor children of Cleveland. After our dinner at the Girls' Home, my wife, youngest son, and I took these toys and went to some of the poorest homes in town. We supplemented the toys with some pecans and a few oranges and gave them to children whose parents were unable to buy them any. The happiness and joy of these children, over these unexpected presents, made our Christmas complete, in what I think is the true Christmas spirit—helping those who cannot help themselves.

If you really want to be happy, forget yourself and help somebody else. You can do this by contributing liberally to the Church of God Orphanage every time you have an opportunity, or by helping your poor neighbor, or even your enemy, if he is in need. God loves a cheerful giver, and it is better to give then to receive. Try this and I am sure you will discover, as I have, the true way and the best way to enjoy Christmas. Remember, Christ gave His all expecting nothing in return, except that all people everywhere might be saved from their sins.

REVIVALS

LOUDON, Tenn. — Recently we closed a three weeks' revival conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Homer Miller, of Cleveland, Tenn. The Lord blessed us wonderfully. There were forty saved, thirty-two sanctified, twenty-seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-one added to the church, for which we truly praise the Lord. Pray for us that our church may continue to grow.—Earl W. Lane, Clerk.

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EASTON, Md. — We thank God for the revival here conducted by Brother Perry. He is a wonderful minister and preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. He certainly was a blessing to our church. There were some saved, others reclaimed, and some received the Holy Ghost. On the last evening we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The following Sunday there were thirteen added to the church. We praise the Lord for our good pastor and his family who worked so faithfully with us. They surely have been a blessing to the church.—Sister McWilliam.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My husband to be saved and healed of sugar diabetes.—Mrs. Mary Tilley, Gibsonville, N. C.

Bill Jones, Mrs. Katie Jones, Mrs. Katherine Durbin to be healed; the work here.—Marshall Norman, Humboldt, Tenn.

God to heal Mrs. Ubert Dockery. — W. A. Campbell, Cleveland, S. C.

The healing of my body.—M. A. Tate, Crown Hill, W. Va.

God to heal our baby.—Berry H. Aldridge, Alma, Ga.

Brother G. G. Judy to be healed of kidney trouble; a special unspoken request.—Beulah S. Kuykendoll, Brushy Run, W. Va.

Me to be healed of a throat trouble; my husband to be saved.—A Sister.

The healing of my body. I have been in bed forty months.—Mrs. Marvin Bohannon, Cookeville, Tenn.

Me to be healed and my family to be saved. —Mrs. Alphasine Taylor, Covington, La.

A man to be saved and stop drinking; my sister to be healed; me and my sisters.—A Reader.

My nephew's wife to be healed; the healing of my body.—Nolie M. Suggs, Branford, Fla.

Me to be filled with the Holy Ghost; my body to be healed; my husband.—Lula Lewis, Moultrie, Ga.

My children to be healed of a skin trouble. —Pearlie Lee Williams, Augusta, Ga.

My unsaved children to be saved; my son in Germany to be returned home; my other boy not to be drafted.—Mrs. Lee Kittrell, State Line, Miss.

My husband to be saved and clothed in his right mind.—A Member.

Me to be saved again and healed of stomach trouble; it to be possible that I might return to my wife soon.—Pfc. A. L. Bailey, Okinawa.

Our five-year-old daughter to be healed of asthma.—Lora Smith, Ft. Meade, Fla.

My three grandchildren and me to be healed of flu.—Clara Casteel, Tullahoma, Tenn.

My son to be saved from the drink habit and his home to be restored.—Mrs. Minnie Haddock, Orangeburg, S. C.

The healing of my body; my five-year-old daughter who has polio; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. K. F. Long, Clyde, N. C.

Three young men to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost; a special request.—A Sister.

An old man to be healed of a cancer and be saved.—Mrs. Wayland R. Ellis, Lenoir City, Tenn.

Our daughter to be completely healed; our son to be saved.—A Sister, Thomaston, Ga.

My mother, Mrs. Eugene Crites, to be healed of an inward goiter.—Mrs. Scott Bergdoll, Moorefield, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—Maudy Norton, Rockmart, Ga.

The healing of someone who is in a very serious condition; several very urgent unspoken requests.—A Sister, Lakeland, Fla.

Our baby; a special unspoken request.—H. C. Loftis.

God to give me the strength I need.—Mrs. Sarah Franklin.

My mother's eyes.—Mrs. Porter Morrison, Opp, Ala.

God to heal my boy of nervous convulsions. —Mrs. Thomas Harton, Bath, S. C.

My son who has lost his mind. He is a veteran of World War II.—Rev. W. J. Dykes, Jacksonville, Fla.

My loved ones, friends, and neighbors to be saved.—Mrs. J. C. Oliver, Sardis, Ga.

Echoes from Lee College

Lee College Auditorium

OUR OPPORTUNITY

By Reginald Spooner, Student, College Department

For years the forces of atheism, skepticism, and modernism have been forcing their way into the educational system of America, until now they have made tremendous inroads even into our high schools and grammar schools. There was a time when teachers realized a sacred duty to be a moral example to their students and to lead them to an understanding of God, but such teachers are a vanishing tribe. The prayer that once opened class in our America is seldom heard any more. Our teachers no longer hold out to youth the hope of a solution to every problem through the Word of God and prayer, nor a hope of eternal salvation through the blood of Christ. The foundations of our democracy are being torn away through our great democratic institution, the American school. Why? Because Christian teachers are few.

American youth is lost. Their hearts are hungry for God and they do not realize it, or will not admit it. Youth gropes blindly in a spiritual darkened world for some ray of light. A modern world has tried to make youth's problems intellectual problems, but the core of the trouble is spiritual dissatisfaction. Sensual movies, dancing, smoking, and drinking are but outgrowths of the restlessness within the soul. Today's teachers hold out no solution to the hunger of the heart; so youth seeks vainly to drown the persistent, restless cry of the soul in a sea of noise and sin. Youth is running—running from itself, running from the moral and spiritual issues that confront it, running from God. Young America has been taught to cope with social and economic problems, but in the region of the Spirit inexperienced youth now stands without the friendly hand and steady voice of a teacher, for most teachers do not know this way themselves.

Youth naturally turns for help and counsel to those who are experienced, those who know and understand. Today young people need an understanding heart that can talk of the things of the Spirit without fear. They need someone who has gone the way before them and found peace and quietness of soul. Outside the realm of parenthood is to be found no one who can help the youth as the teacher can. If she, who seems to know so much of other things, has knowledge of the Spirit, then the way is not so dark, for a friend stands by the side of the youth to counsel quietly and to sympathize.

Can Pentecostal people relieve the situation? Is there a place in the educational system of America for the people who have so long been called fanatical? Thank God that today the answer rings through thousands of classrooms and whispers from millions of young and hungry souls, "Yes!" There is a teacher shortage now, and the opportunity lies at our door for doctrinally sound Christian teachers to find their way into every school in America. Teachers cannot teach religion in class, but their influence and private counsel will be shown in the lives of the students they teach. Now is the crossroads where preparation and opportunity must meet. Now is the time for Pentecostal people to shake themselves and prepare to meet the challenge that education and youth hold forth. We must boost our school, study to show ourselves approved unto God, pray and pray, get ready for the task before us. Youthful souls are needing the guiding hands of Christian teachers. Prepare yourselves, Christians, to teach! The forces of evil are strong, and in the coming battle for youth, Christianity must win!

OUR CHILDREN

Brethren, it has appeared to me that we, the Church of God, are not as much in love with our children as the Israelites were. When they left Egypt they wouldn't go out and leave their little ones behind, as Pharaoh offered to let them. They loved their children and no doubt wouldn't think of leaving them behind. But, we the Church of God, are going on out, getting ready for the coming of our King. We know He is coming before very long. Our children are not ready as a whole, and are we doing anything about it? The devil's ministers said to Israel, "Go out, but leave your little ones here." But they said, "We will not." The Church of God is no little thing. I believe God loves us; I believe He hears us when we pray; and I believe He can answer us. Our children are good, I know; but if they have come to the years of accountability, they need to be saved. If they are not, then we are sure to leave them behind when Jesus comes.

There sleeps my darling little virgin girl only twelve years old. If Jesus should come tonight could she go with us, if she had never been saved? There are thousands tonight in that very condition. Our young children need to be saved. The enemy will say they are too young, but you remember Jesus blessed the small children. Church, let us cry to our Father to save our children. Let us pray until He answers.—T. G. Reece, Franklin, N. C.

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Paschal

The Age of Accountability

By Rev. C. G. PASCHAL, Pastor
Cornelia, Georgia

☆ *TEXT: "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Rom. 14:12.*

CONTEXT: "For I was alive without the law once: but **when the commandment came**, sin revived, and I died," Rom. 7:9.

INTRODUCTION

Much has been written about the "age of accountability" down through the years. It has always been a favored topic for discussion. Thousands of questions have been asked about the subject. What is the age of accountability? Do all people reach that age? Does that age vary with individuals? What sensations accompany the child reaching accountability? Are responsibility and accountability the same? Do people ever pass out of the age of accountability? What spiritual changes occur in the heart of people reaching that age? I've been asked questions on this subject more than any other in my sixteen years as a minister. It is the "sixty-four dollar" question in the minds of many people, especially those who have lost children in infancy.

I do not claim to know all the answers to this great question, but I hope these thoughts on the subject will be enlightening to you, and, may I say, some source of inspiration. It has been to me since I was a boy. On one occasion I withstood an elderly gentleman, who gingerly claimed there were infants in hell a span (four inches) long.

GENERALLY SPEAKING

The age of accountability generally is defined as "that age a person reaches in life when there and thereafter he feels a moral guilt before God and feels he is responsible to God for each sinful **thought, word** or **deed.**" That realization comes with such vivid force that you cannot be mistaken. It is as real as passing out of a dark tunnel into bright sunshine.

When I was a small lad, I remember hearing dad say, "A child is not responsible for his sins until he gets to be twelve years old. Until that time his parents are responsible for him." He based his argument upon the fact that Christ was twelve years old when He went into the Temple and talked with the elders. Coming from such a noble person as my dad, it was a relief to me to think if I were to die before I reached twelve I'd go to heaven because I was not accountable. Even at the age of ten, I had a guilty conscience for stealing eggs from Mama's hen nest and slipping to the store to buy candy, also telling "fibs" and playing hookey from school. Actually, I stood guilty before God at the age of eight. Up until that time, as I remember, I only felt guilty, and that momentarily, for being chided by my mother for some little childish wrong. At the age of eight, however, God began to write "guilt" on my conscience with His indelible pencil, for things I did wrong. They stuck with me like leeches to a turtle's neck, and the only thing I found to erase them was the blood of Jesus.

So, I gather from experience that the age of accountability is not twelve years old, nor ten, nor even eight, but that age and time in any individual's life when he or she stands guilty before God in his own conscience. The cry of "Adam, where art thou?" will be too clear for you to mistake. If you do not have the clear knowledge of this you have not reached it.

SUBSTANTIATING SCRIPTURES

Some argument has been made that Jesus taught, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," John 3:3, and that children of tender age are not capable of enjoying that experience, therefore no salvation is available for them. Such teaching as that is irrevelant to the Scriptures, as I will show you. Take your Bible and follow me.

True, Jesus said, "Ye must be born again," but He was addressing His discourse to a man of mature age—not an infant. He said, "Except a **man** (not a child) be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Why didn't he say **except a child?** Because He had some other provision made for the unaccountable child.

What about the Scriptures? What do they teach? What did Jesus imply in them? "And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them. And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven," Matt. 18:2, 3. "But Jesus said, Suffer little chil-

dren, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven," Matt. 19:14. Also read Mark 10:13-16.

He taught men to **be converted** and **become as little children,** but never did He teach **little children** to be converted and become as men. We understand the term **little child** to mean the "unaccountable" child. He taught men to become converted and become as the unaccountable child, not in size, mentality, and experience, but in guiltlessness, innocence, and purity. To reenter his mother's womb and be born as an infant is an utter impossibility, but to become as a little child in its purity and innocence of transgression is not. That is what the new birth does for a man. It makes him as innocent as a child. Of such, Jesus says, is the kingdom of heaven. "Of such" includes newborn men and little children. Jesus recognized their status as members of the kingdom of God. He blessed them as such. Just what spiritual process a little child goes through, if any, is none of my business, nor yours either. I am convinced that Jesus did not teach the new birth as a child's ticket to the kingdom of God. A little child, by virtue of his innocence, is already in the kingdom of God and remains there until the accountability of sin puts him out. Am I not right? Then, it will take the new birth for him to get back, just as it does for all other accountable persons.

Listen to the great apostle Paul as he explains this phenomenon, "For I was alive without the law **once**: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." There was a time in Paul's life when he was alive, spiritually alive. He describes that time as **once**—without the law **once.** That "once" was his age of innocence, the time he did not stand guilty before God—his years before he was accountable to God. What age in years Paul reached before he was responsible I do not know, but there was that **time of innocence** he describes as **once.** He said he was alive but something happened. The **commandment came, sin revived,** and **he died.**

The commandment came the day Paul reached the age of accountability. The coming of the commandment woke or revived sin (the inbred sin which Paul said entered into the world by one man, Adam, Rom. 5:12). That dormant power awoke and became the potent power that killed him. The sleeping cub in his childhood became the big black bear by which he was slain. Sin, Paul said, deceived and slew him. The commandment was in the world before Paul was born. After his birth it was still in the world affecting others, but it did not reach him until he reached the age of accountability. Then it became a sword by which he was slain—put out of the kingdom of God, made a wretched man.

The only remedy to get such a person back to God is "through Jesus Christ our Lord," Rom. 7:25, for "there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit," Rom. 8:1.

Our text teaches that everyone of us shall give account of himself to God. You ask, "Does that not include the little child?" Yes, but not in the same sense of responsibility as an accountable person. He stands before the Lord just as innocent as he lived and died. Likewise does the grown or more mature person. In my opinion, many of us may wish we, too, had died in childhood innocence rather than meet our accountable lives at the judgment bar. This subject is inexhaustible in its depths, but I think we can and should know enough about it to clarify misgivings that arise in people's minds which are disturbing.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Here are the answers I've given some people who have come to me with these perplexing questions. I hope they will answer your problem—if you have one.

Question: My baby died at the age of five. One man has upset me by telling me that unless my child was a chosen one of God he was lost. How can I know whether he was a chosen one or not?—Mrs. Worried.

Answer: You may know, dear sister, that precious babe of yours was a chosen one because Jesus said, "Of such is the kingdom of God." "Many are called but few are chosen," applies only to those of accountable age, not to a little child. He calls them, "Come." If they come, they are chosen.

Question: Unfortunately, my son was never bright. He had to be

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By Their Fruit Ye Shall Know Them

If you lie, you are a liar;
If you steal, you are a thief;
If you gamble, you are a gambler,
This is every one's belief.

If you live Christlike, you're a Christian,
To this I'm sure you will agree;
If you sin, you are a sinner,
For what else could you be?

An honest thief and a truthful liar
Are two things you cannot find,
And it's just as hard to find a Christian
Who is sinning all the time.

So you must quit the sinning business,
If to heaven you would go;
For sinners do not go to heaven,
But that awful world below.

For what fellowship hath light with
Darkness, or righteousness with sin?
So you will have to quit your sinning,
Or you cannot enter in.

—Mrs. Ella Christian.

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Special Announcement

BUILD-A-CHURCH-IN-INDIA CAMPAIGN is reaching the hearts of our people in America. One state is now engaged in a great drive to build a church here. I recently received a check to the amount of $1,426.19 for the construction of a building in Cuddapah. The check came from a Y.P.E. Watch the April issues of the EVANGEL for the full account.—C. E. French, Missionary to India, Eckford Cottage, Ootacamund, So. India.

Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature

J. H. WALKER
Executive Missions Secretary

Excerpts from Letter from Brother Litton

Dear Brother Walker:

We have just returned from the little Island of Nevis. We feel sorry for the poor people over there, as they have only one small room 12 X 12 feet in which to worship. We had sixty-five packed into the little room, with about a hundred people outside. On the last night we were there, it rained and all the people that were outside had to leave. The people over there are very hungry for the full gospel, but there isn't any place for them to worship. The little room fills up and the other people who come can't get in and they go away. We gave them $20 to buy seats. This bought seven seats. Before we did this the people had to stand up when they came to service. Most all the little churches here in this district of St. Kitts are far too small: There is a great need for some larger buildings. The work can't grow until they get some place to accommodate the people.

These people are too poor to raise money to do any building. They do extraordinarily well to manage to exist. The men are working for three shillings a day (a shilling is approximately twenty-five cents American money). The women work for two shillings a day, when they can find any work to do. Everything is so very high, much higher than in the States.

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A Letter from the Faraway Caribbean

(Sent in by W. J. Coleman, Wichita, Kansas)

Utilla, Honduras
November 22, 1948

Mr. Jesse Coleman
2231 West McCormick
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Friend:

Your kind gift has been received by us here on this small isle in the far-away Caribbean.

It is gifts such as yours that have kept the gospel on the march throughout the world.

This island (Utilla) consists of only twenty-seven square miles, with a population of only about one thousand people. The gospel of power was introduced here about three years ago by Rev. and Mrs. Fred Litton. A nice church was organized and is still progressing, being a real torch for Christ.

The great need here is for education and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. There is much wickedness and the people have greatly hardened their hearts against God. However, God has heard some earnest prayers, and during the last four weeks we have seen about forty souls weep their way through to Calvary. God is greatly to be praised. We desire your prayers.

Your investment in missions is the most profitable one you could ever make. May God ever bless you.

Your missionary teachers on Utilla, Rev. and Mrs. O'Neil McCullough.

Increase in Evangel subscriptions for the month of December

1,464

DODGING DUTY

The story is told of a king who placed a heavy stone in the road and hid to see who would remove it. Men of various classes came and worked their way round it, some loudly blaming the king for not keeping the highways clear, but all dodging the duty of getting out and pushing it out of the road. At last, a poor peasant, on his way to town with his burden of vegetables for sale, came, and contemplating the stone, laid down his load and rolled it into the gutter. Then, turning around he spied a purse which had lain right under the stone. He opened it and found it full of gold pieces with a note from the king, saying it was for the one who would remove the stone.

We cannot dodge our duty without dodging God's blessing.

TESTIMONIES

Trusting God for Healing

JONESBORO, Ark.—I am praising d for His goodness and mercies. I ise Him because He has healed me eral times. I appreciate the Lord m the depths of my heart. I am t but I am trusting my Savior for aling.—Lewessie Clairday.

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Thankful for His Healing Power

I want to testify of the Lord's great aling power. I was sick one night ut three weeks ago. We called in e of the saints to pray for me d, after praying for quite a while, e Lord wonderfully healed me. I am y thankful and I want to always the Lord's will.—Mrs. Charles nce.

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Praise the Lord!

SHARPLES, W. Va.—I praise the rd this hour for all the blessings t He hath bestowed on my life. raise Him for the Church of God d for a great leader and pastor, ster Jessie May Rose. Pray for me t God will give me more power h Him.—Sister Thompson.

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Keep Holding on to God

NEWARK, Ark.—I have a note of ise for the good *Evangel*. My soul is erflowing. I have been deprived the ssed privilege of being in services account of heart disease. For many rs I have prayed and asked God t my family would accept the Lord us. Just recently, my oldest daugh- and her husband were saved. Dear couraged hearts, keep holding on God, believing He will answer in e time, if we faint not. I thank the nds who prayed for us. Pray for d to send someone to this needy ce to preach holiness. We have to go rly thirty miles to be in church rice. We are believing the Lord will k out everything to His glory. I am d I am saved, sanctified, and filled h the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. A. M. ewer.

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ched the Hem of His Garment

GASTONIA, N. C.—I praise the Lord His healing power. I can never ise Him enough for His goodness me. I was healed of trouble with back which I had had for over thirteen years. Thank God, I touched the hem of His garment and have a new back—Mrs. Inez Russell.

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More Precious Today Than Ever

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—I praise God that after having the Holy Ghost more than thirty-one years, He is more precious today than ever before. He will never leave nor forsake us. Many times, the way gets dark. It seems like we do not have a friend in the world, but we can go in our closets, shut the door about us, and tell our troubles to Him. He cares and will come and bless our souls so that we can go on our way rejoicing.

I praise the Lord for the wonderful services we are having here at East Nashville under the humble leadership of our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Brown. They surely are wonderful people, and we have learned to love them dearly. Pray for me that I will ever stay true to God and be ready when I am called to go.—Mrs. Belle Cochran.

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The Lord Can Heal of Gallstones

NEWPORT, Ind.—I was sick with gallstones. The doctor came to see me every day and sometimes twice a day. He wanted to send me to the hospital. I told him when our minister arrived to pray for me God would heal me. He laughed at me and said, "Can she heal gallstones?" I told him the Lord could. When she came and prayed for me, I was healed instantly. I have faith in divine healing. Pray for me that I will always have faith and live for God. I am seventy-two years old.—Sarah Jane Peer.

Pastor's note: When I arrived at Newport, Indiana, October 23, they told me this sister was very sick. I went to visit her. I found her suffering great misery. When we prayed for her she said all pain left and she felt the stones move down and disappear. She has been up, going everywhere, and even did her washing last week.—Mrs. Mattie Claspell.

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Wonderfully Saved

TRASKWOOD, Ark.—I thank God for His wonderful saving power. I wrote a request to the prayer room, asking a special prayer for the Lord to heal and save my unsaved sister. Thank God, the day I received a hearing from my request, I received a letter from her daughter-in-law, which stated to me that my sister attended a revival meeting at an Assembly of God church and the Lord wonderfully saved her soul. Oh, thank God for His power over Satan! Thank God, bless His holy name! Thank those good saints who prayed for her.—F. M. Blagg.

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Needs God's Help

WHITESIDE, Tenn.—I thank the great Master for the many things He has done. Some time ago, I requested prayer for my son who is in a U. S. hospital. He is better, and I give all praise to Jesus. I know He alone is able to restore this boy's health and save him. I am carrying a very heavy burden. It seems as if I can not bear it much longer. I need God's help right now. Saints, please take this unspoken request to Jesus.—Mrs. Henry Sims.

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Keep Holding on, He Will Answer Prayer

FOREST CITY, N. C.—I promised the Lord when my husband was near death if He would spare his life and heal him I would tell it every time I got a chance. I also promised the Lord if He would heal my little girl I would testify to that every time I got a chance and I have. Now I feel impressed to testify through the *Evangel*. My husband had been suffering from peptic ulcer for some time when he became very ill for about two weeks. One night he began to have hemorrhages which left him so weak he could not raise his head. We had the doctor. He just came and left without doing a thing. He said he had gone too far—the ulcers had turned to cancer and it was hopeless now. Friends told me it was no use to hope; he couldn't live. I kept saying, "I believe God will let him live." My faith was tested many times. It seemed like it was hopeless sometimes, but I kept praying and many others did too, and I really appreciate every prayer. He has been home from the hospital almost three months, is working now, and his stomach does not bother him at all. I thank God for what He has done, and I still believe He will do more. Praise His name!—Mrs. Mary Kiser.

Gleanings *from State Papers*

REPORT FROM MUNCIE, INDIANA DISTRICT

Muncie has been in a four weeks' revival with Brother Steel of Linton. Twelve were saved, two sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Also, we had a good fellowship meeting the 29th, at Muncie. We received a $50 offering. New Castle has had a good revival since our state meeting. Tipton is now in a revival, with Brother Dunning of Linton. Union City is in a revival with Brother Tucker. Souls are being blessed. We had seventy-five in Sunday School last Sunday. Brother Hall is our new preacher on the district, at Richmond. We are looking for them to have a new church building there, also at Winchester. We are having services there and plan to get a church, the Lord willing. Sister Murray is in charge at the time being. Pray that the Lord will help us in His great Church, in winning souls for Him and the Church of God. We have a fine district in which to work.

—C. R. Murray, District Overseer.

CHURCH OF GOD PROMOTER, OF THE DAKOTAS

Let us be sure to increase our subscriptions to the *Evangel* and *Lighted Pathway*. Our goal is one subscription per member. How are you coming with yours? Pastors, let us really work hard this year. God bless you.—Glenn C. Pettyjohn, Overseer.

GOOD NEWS TO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II

The Bible School at Lemmon, S. Dak., has been approved by the Government under the G. I. Bill. This means that all veterans, both men and women can have their schooling (tuition and books) paid for by the Government, and also receive a subsistence allowance, which will cover their living expenses. This is a great opportunity, so don't pass it by if you are eligible for such training. Write the School for further details, and send in your application at once.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED
Happyville, Fla.

On November 13 we organized a new church on Route 1, North Lake City, with the following report:

There were twenty-five saved, twenty-four sanctified, and seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost. Twenty-two came into the church—six male and sixteen female members. The clerk's name is Mrs. Agnes Wheeler, and the pastor is Rev. Thomas F. Butler.—B. E. Chesser, District Pastor.

CHURCH AT WEST FLINT MOVING ON

We are proud to report that our church here at West Flint is moving on since Brother and Sister Lovelle and family have come here to pastor. We feel that Louisville, Kentucky's, loss is our gain.

Since their coming here, we have had fifty saved, twenty-one sanctified, nineteen baptized in water, thirteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-five added to the Church of God. Our tithes have practically doubled over the previous months. For the month of October they were $885.64.

The church has recently purchased new furniture for the parsonage, such as an electric stove, an electric washer, a desk for the church study, tables, lamps, and rugs.

The Y.P.E. has purchased a new grand piano for the church, costing $1,675, and you can rest assured we are all proud of it.

We have a weekly broadcast directly from the church, from 1 p. m. to 1:30

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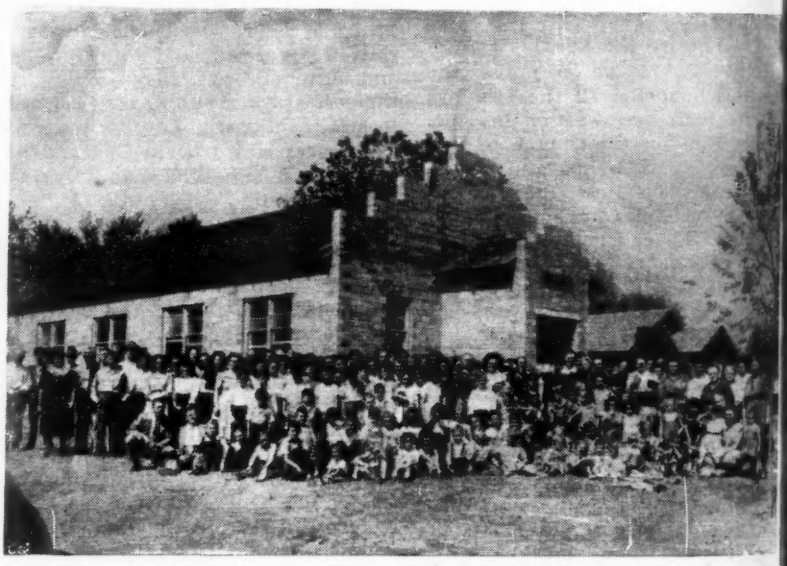
SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA, SUNDAY SCHOOL



This group of enthusiastic Church of God members, and Sunday School goers, with their good pastor, Rev. W. A. Burks, has broken all previous Sunday School records with 185 in attendance. The Rev. R. S. Sullivan held a revival during this Sunday School campaign, and helped to make this outstanding record attendance possible. This is a new church building, erected since our last camp meeting. Seminole has a fine group of people who are going forward with their church program.

We would not forget the fact that Sister Pearl Mobley has conducted a revival meeting since then, with five saved. She is also a great booster in the L.W.W.B.'s. She helps the ladies make and sell fried pies, chicken dinners, etc.

The Rev. L. O. Cooper, who is now pastoring the Church of God in Lindsay, Okla., was their pastor last year, and with his great skill and fine workmanship as a carpenter, he and his faithful members erected this beautiful yellow tile church. The present pastor has taken up where Brother Cooper had to leave off because of the change in pastors, and has ceiled the church with celotex and installed a new lighting system.—Rev. C. J. Hindmon, State Overseer.

GLEANINGS . . .

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m. over Station WMRP. It's 1510 on ur dial.

We appreciate Brother and Sister velle and their fine family because ey are wonderful church workers, d are also very talented. They are ld in high esteem by all. Pray for here at West Flint that we may go ward in the work of the Lord.—ith Durant, Reporter, *Michigan irror.*

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Evangel Subscriptions

Let me remind you that our quota one subscription for every two mem- rs. Are you up on your quota? Let give this our attention now.

—*Michigan Mirror.*

KENTUCKY

Churches Paying Over $500 Tithes

oral Ridge, Chas. E. Lockard	$544.69

Churches Paying Over $400 Tithes

azard, E. T. Stacey	$408.15

Churches Paying Over $300 Tithes

exington, M. B. Stephens	$385.76
merset, E. W. Carden	374.41
st Louisville, J. D. Pitts	348.15
nch, Lewis W. Arrawood	338.75
uisville, E. E. Winters	322.22

Churches Paying Over $200 Tithes

iddlesboro, Edd Cox	$290.55
rescent Springs, M. F. Campbell	269.93
reasen, J. P. Morgan	246.00
umberland, J. T. Pitts	243.05
est Middlesboro, A. G. Griffin	211.71
reeburn, B. H. Enix	205.15

Pastoral Visits, Fifty or More

e L. Mansfield	81
rene Stephens	72
H. Enix	63
T. Pitts	63
W. Harris	61
P. Morgan	60
is Sanders	60
T. Stacey	60
alter Wilhite	57
as. E. Lockard	55
W. Arrawood	54
rl T. Golden	52
y Dagnan	51

NEW ENGLAND MESSENGER

Highest in: Homes Visited

Volkman	102
larence Buker	35
T. Murray	24
P. A. Cunningham	21
M. Hooper	20
C. E. Gould	20

Sermons Preached

J. B. Camp	16
Roland Faunce	13
Paul Nance	10
Clarence Buker	10
O. Volkman	9
C. E. Gould	9

No. Converted

Roland Faunce	8
J. B. Camp	5
C. E. Gould	5
O. Volkman	4
Ernist Staub	2
P. Cunningham	1

Sanctified

J. B. Camp	3
Roland Faunce	2
C. Buker	2
O. Volkman	1

Baptized With the Holy Ghost

J. B. Camp	2
Roland Faunce	2
O. Volkman	1

Church Additions

O. Volkman	5

THE EXHORTER—WESTERN CANADA

We praise God for His rich blessings here. There were two new members taken into the church here the morning of November 28. The L. W. W. B. is a very busy band. They have raised, in their meetings and from the sale of various items they have made, over $100 this past year, $50 of which was sent to the Student Association of the Church of God Bible School, for the mission program.

There was also a nice addition of two bedrooms built onto the parsonage here.—Pastor, J. J. Kisser.

NORTH CAROLINA ECHOES

Last year, C. H. Rochester, Superintendent, North Carolina State Orphanage, offered a prize of ten dollars to the girl and boy who made the best grades in school. Miss Naomi Myers was the winner at the girls' home. I am happy to say that she made excellent grades. Naomi comes to us from Wilmington, North Carolina. She is an eighth-grade student and a very sweet girl.

Ann Haney and Doris Fleming gave Naomi a very close race with plenty of A's.

Naomi Myers

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Psa. 116:15.

LEDBETTER

On the morning of November 27, 1948, at 10:15, death claimed our darling baby, Turner Daniel Ledbetter at the age of thirteen months and thirteen days. The Rev. Clyde Burton, pastor, Rev. E. P. Davenport, and Rev. Jess Willard conducted the funeral.—His mother, Mrs. Lassie Ledbetter.

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WILLIAMSON

Mrs. Eula Bonnie Williamson, born March 17, 1907, passed away December 12, 1948, at the age of forty-one. She is survived by two daughters, three sons, and other relatives. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Pine Hill, Alabama.—Jack Moore, Clerk, Pine Hill, Ala.

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MELIZA

C. W. Meliza, eighty-three years old, died sitting in his rocking chair. He was a faithful and loyal member of the Church of God at Edinburg, Texas.

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ALEXANDER

Mrs. Sarah Alexander was promoted to glory December 4, 1948, at the age of eighty years. Sister Alexander was a member of the Church of God for eighteen years and helped pioneer several churches in Texas. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Henry Ellis, assisted by E. M. Smith.—Mrs. E. M. Smith.

Tennessee District Overseers' Meeting

Pictured above are all the district overseers, except W. G. Landrome, of the Dayton District, who was unable to attend because of illness, and visiting officials and ministers who attended the district overseers' meeting which convened at the East Nashville church.

They are, as follows: Inserts, from left to right: Colon Dunn, state youth director; A. V. Beaube, state overseer; Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer; Ralph Williams, National Youth Director, and W. F. Dych, Superintendent of the Orphanage. First row, seated: A. V. Beaube, J. L. Goins, Ralph Williams, W. F. Dych, Colon Dunn, Zeno C. Tharp, W. M. Wood, John Smith, C. E. McAfee. Second row: B. F. Alford, Harry Kutz, H. D. Williams, C. E. Richard, Howard McGee, T. L. Phillips, J. S. Black, H. M. Hunt, C. M. Newman, Brother Jenkins, evangelist. Third row: R. C. Cook, Thea F. Jones, W. J. (Bill) Brown, R. O. Symes, Jack Durham, pastor, J. M. Baldree, Nelson Russell, B. J. Pharr, C. M. Taylor, and James Clark.

This meeting, called by the state overseer to add impetus to our work, was an outstanding success. Fellowship among the brethren, characteristic of any Church of God gathering, was wonderful. To see these district leaders working together with the state overseer, and all manifesting such a fine spirit of Christian love and wisdom, made one feel that the Church of God in Tennessee is in safe hands.

Every phase of the program agreed upon in the state ministers' meeting was taken into consideration, and ways and means discussed to successfully promote the work on each district.

Our Assistant General Overseer, Brother Tharp, gave the main message which seemed to reach down to the very foundation of every soul and move it to seek to preach the Word effectively. Typical of the comment on this truly great message was "the greatest message I have ever heard Brother Tharp preach" and "one of the best sermons I have EVER heard." It was evident that he was enjoying a mighty anointing as he remarked, "I feel the same touch that I felt when I was a boy beginning in the ministry." The rostrum became too small for him as he moved about, being rocked by mighty surges of divine inspiration. He spoke of the men "who turned the world upside down," and drove home the thought that men are saved by the preaching of the Word of God.—Rev. Bill Brown, Host Pastor.

Young evangelist ready for work anywhere. Member of the Church of God.—Kelmar H. Durden, Post Office Box 41, Lake Jem, Florida.

THE AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

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watched day and night. Since his death I overheard one sister say, "There'll be no idiots in heaven." That hurt me and bothered me. What do you say?—Mrs. Anxious.

Answer: The sister was right. There will be no idiots in heaven. There have been plenty of them on earth. They lived without hardly realizing they did live. There was never an accountable moment in their lives, and they'll stand before the Lord just as innocent as the babe that died in his mother's arms. Let this scripture be the solace to you. Luke 12:47, 48.

Question: My husband was a good man, a devoted Christian, a loving companion. An unfortunate lick on the head sent him to an insane asylum where he died a cursing, raving maniac. Do I have any hopes of his hereafter?—Mrs. Concerned.

Answer: I see no reason for your not having hopes of his hereafter. His misfortune made him a prey of the devil through his insane mind, making him do and say things of which he had no constant knowledge. Only rational creatures are responsible for their lives and conducts. I quote this scripture as some solace to you in this dark hour: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin," James 4:17. You realize, dear sister, in that state of mind he did not know and therefore was not accountable of sin. Remember, God will only judge the hearts of men, not their minds. If He did, many of us would be hopelessly lost.

Question: My child seems to have great concern for his soul, yet he's only seven years of age. What should do?—Mr. Perplexed.

Answer: By all means urge the child to accept the Lord. Be a spiritual father and tell him the story of Jesus in language a child can understand. By so doing you may save him the bitter experience of a sin-blighted, warped, and wasted life. Remember, Samuel was of a tender age when God spoke to him, and David was only a child.

CONCLUSION

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Don't neglect the soul of your child, thinking he is not accountable for his sins. He may already be accountable, and you may do something to help him to God. Some children reach this stage early in life; some never do, because of their mental condition. For those we are exhorted to "comfort the feeble-minded." We are to realize and consider the state and misfortune of those who lost their minds because of licks, or a stroke or disease, especially those whom we knew to be Christians.

We are not to try to justify a child for gross sins, because when a child reaches the point where he commits such sins, he has already reached the accountable age. Frankly, such a child needs saving as much as any other sinner.

I pray God that our Church will realize the importance of getting our children to God just as early in life as possible, without leaning on the age-old tradition of waiting until they reach the age of accountability—so-called.

O LORD, REVIVE THY WORK

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then you will see things move for God. That brings power.

You may say, "I don't feel like praying." Pray until you do feel like praying. Trust God by simple faith for the fulness of His Spirit. If you mean business with God, He will meet you and bless you. As the Scripture declares, "Thou meetest . . . those that remember thee in thy ways." See 2 Chron. 20:3, 4. Jehoshaphat heard that a great multitude of Syrians were coming against Judah. "Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the Lord: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord." Verse 15, "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's."

The woman searching for her lost coin represents the church being stirred by the Holy Spirit to search for the lost gifts. Don't you think it is candlelighting time? Time to sweep the floors and search our hearts with the Word of God, searching for the solution of the problem of our lost power? The sweeping of the house is repentance. We search by examining and measuring ourselves by the Word of God. When we turn to the Lord, rending the hearts and not the garments, holding on in fasting and prayer, we will break through and repossess the lost anointing. Then, we will see the lame rise and walk like the man did at the gate Beautiful of the Temple. Peter and John were men just as you and I, except they had prayed through.

We have had some wonderful revivals. They were characterized by a prevailing spirit of prayer, which took precedence over work, pleasure, and all personal desires. In many places where men worked, the noon hour was set aside for prayer. Meeting and praying in their homes, they would often spend all night in prayer. They never had a revival in those days without first having days of special prayer. It was agonizing prayer. They meant business with God. The church had a burden for lost souls.

Any church that has a burning passion for lost souls, and will get alone with God, can have a revival today. Pray until you are burdened, until you lose sleep, and go without meals. If you would rather see souls saved than anything else in the world, you can have a revival. I am hungry and praying to the Lord for this apostolic power.

EDITORIALS

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XIV. Better Interest in Our Silent Messengers

I can never tell you ministers how deeply I appreciate the cooperation that you are giving our publications by boosting their subscriptions. **The Evangel, Lighted Pathway, Sunday School and Y.P.E. Workers Bulletin, and Macedonian Call** deserve the support that you are giving to them. They should go to every home. This is one effective way to keep the Church and its work before our members and the public, and at the same time supply them with spiritual food.

Last—Better Local, State, General

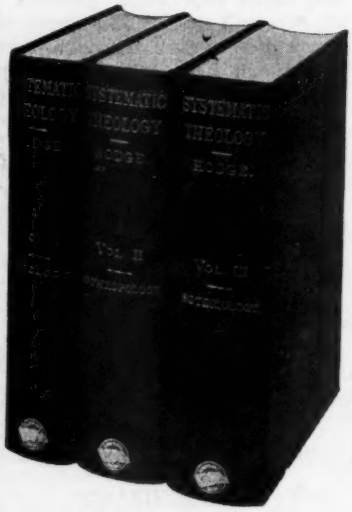
Yes, this is possible, and "thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ."

NOTICE

I am acquainted with many of you ministers. Some, I knew in Bible School, and others I have held meetings for at various times. I am very much concerned about the lost, and my heart's desire is to get out in the work, either evangelizing, or get a little church where I shall have a little corner of God's vineyard in which to labor. I am now married and have a very devoted Christian wife, and she is very much concerned about the lost, also. I would deeply appreciate opportunities to work any place we can and in whatever way we can.—Howard Collier, 219 Vanderbilt Road, Birmingham, Ala.

Systematic Theology

By Charles Hodge



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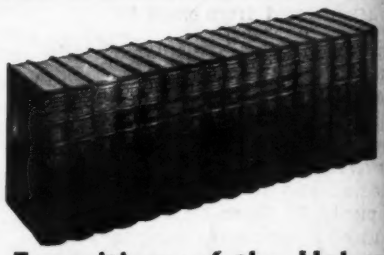

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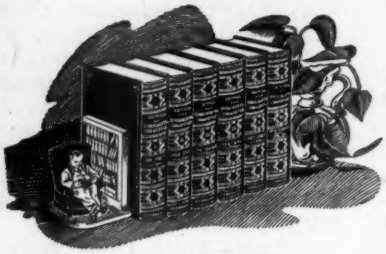

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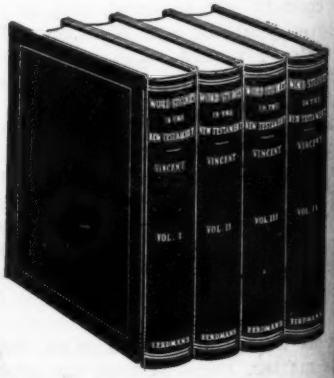

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